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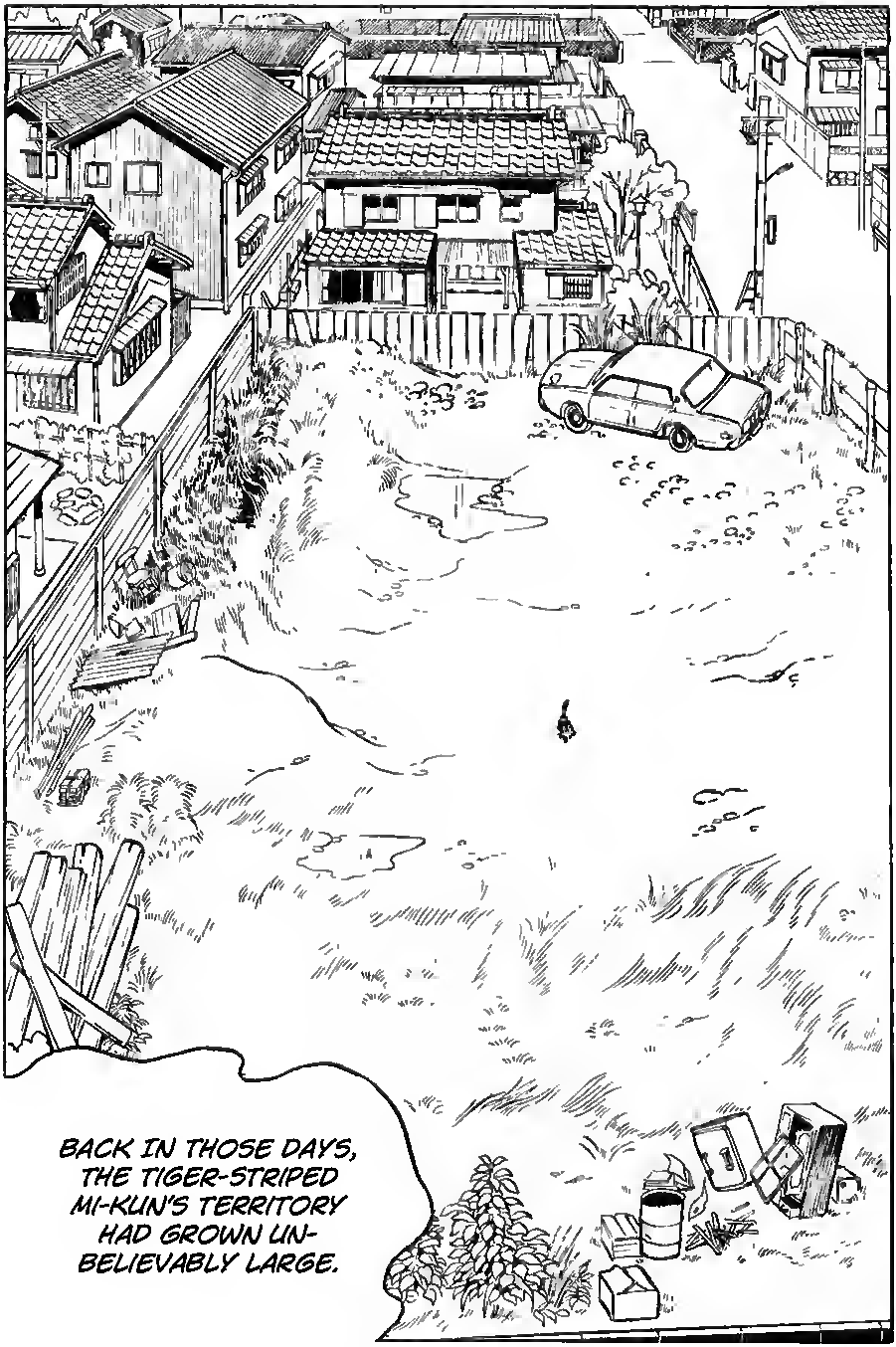
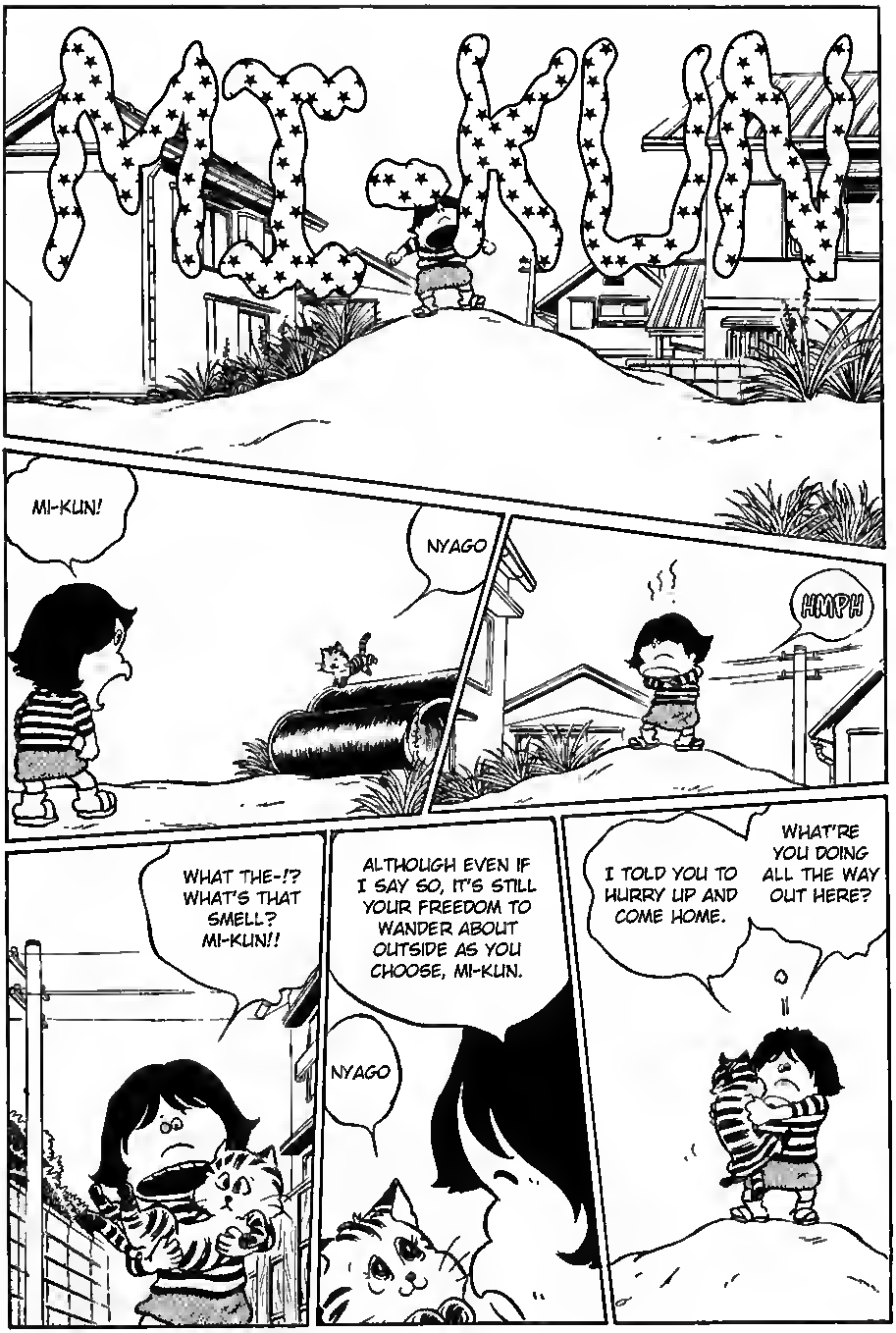
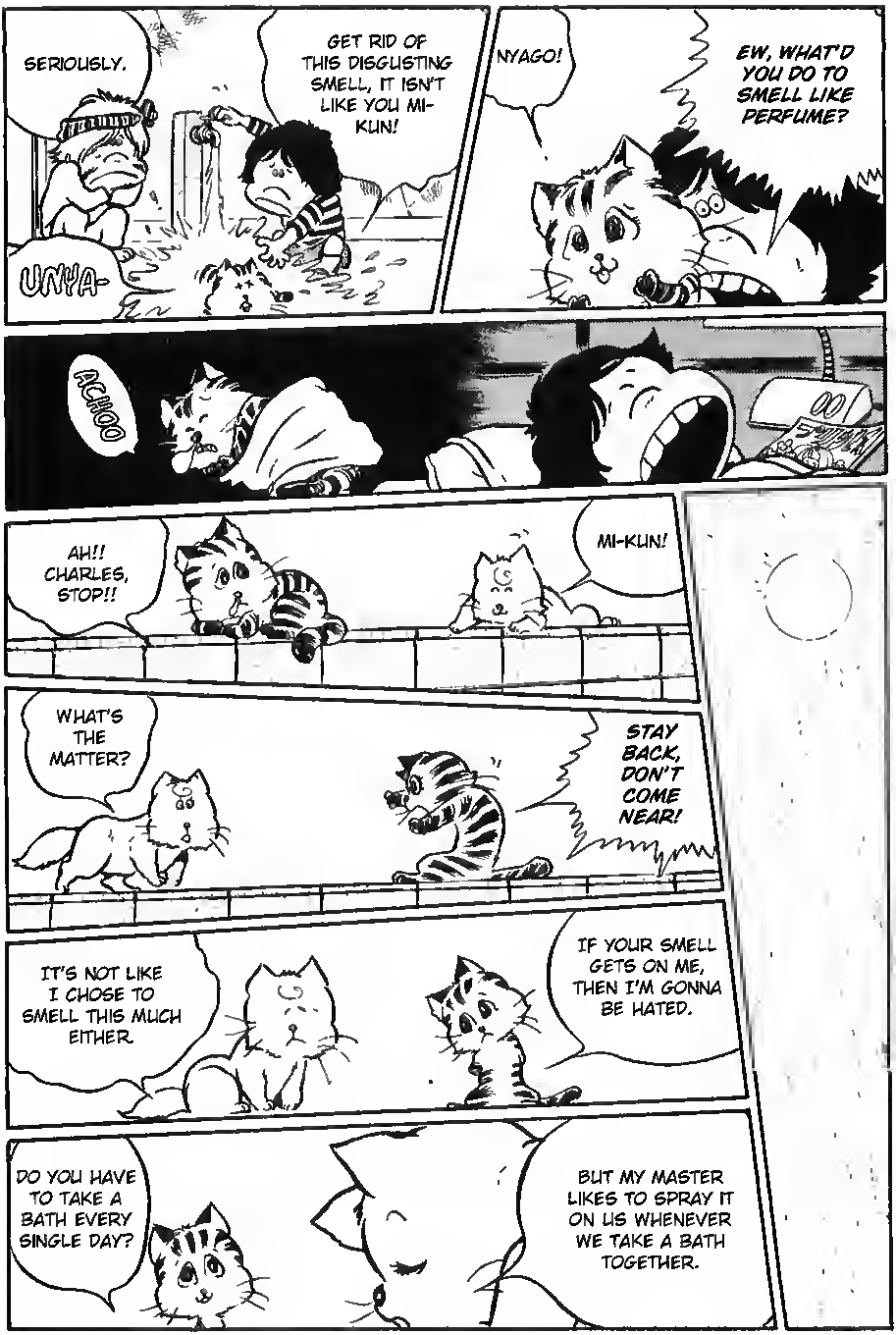
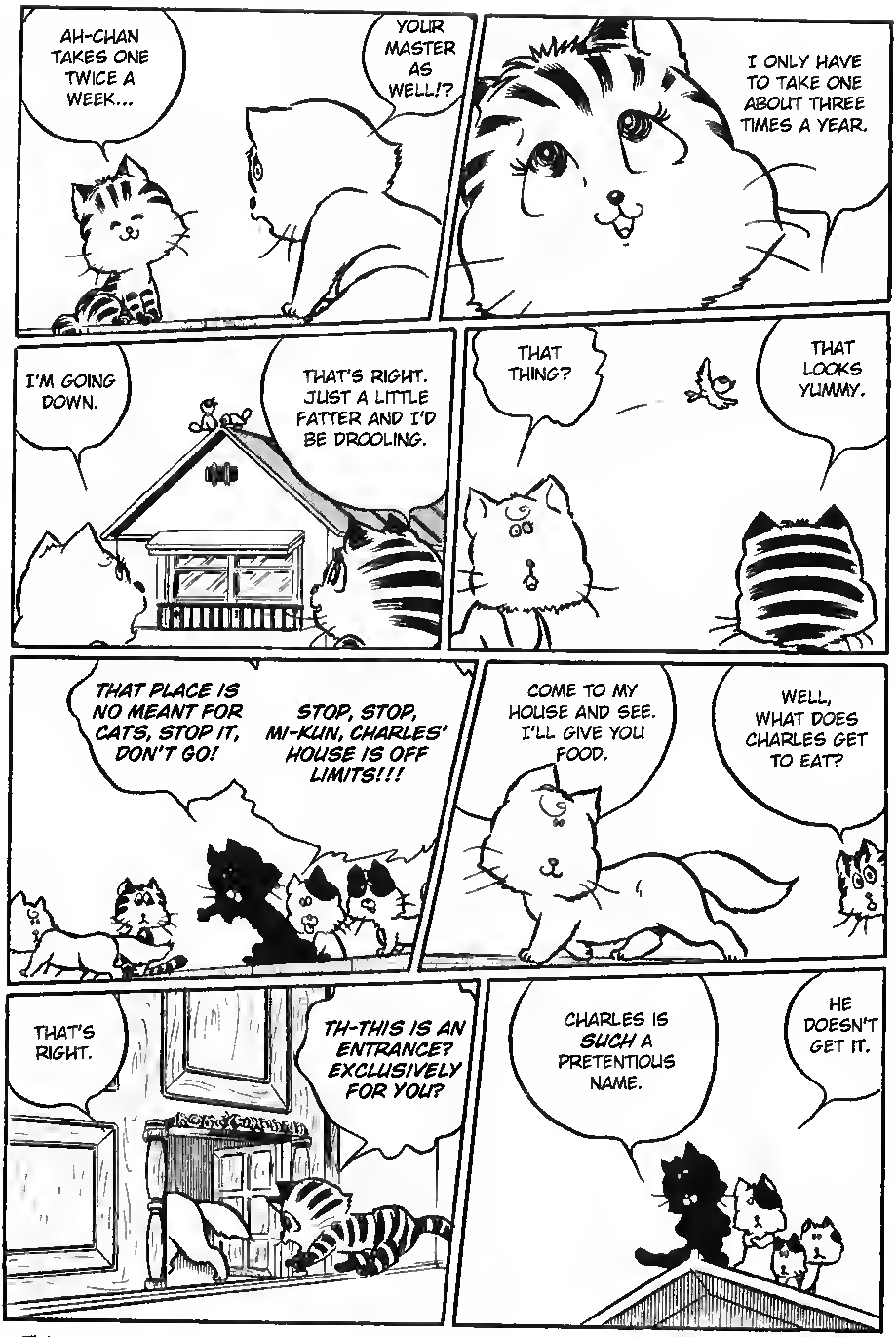
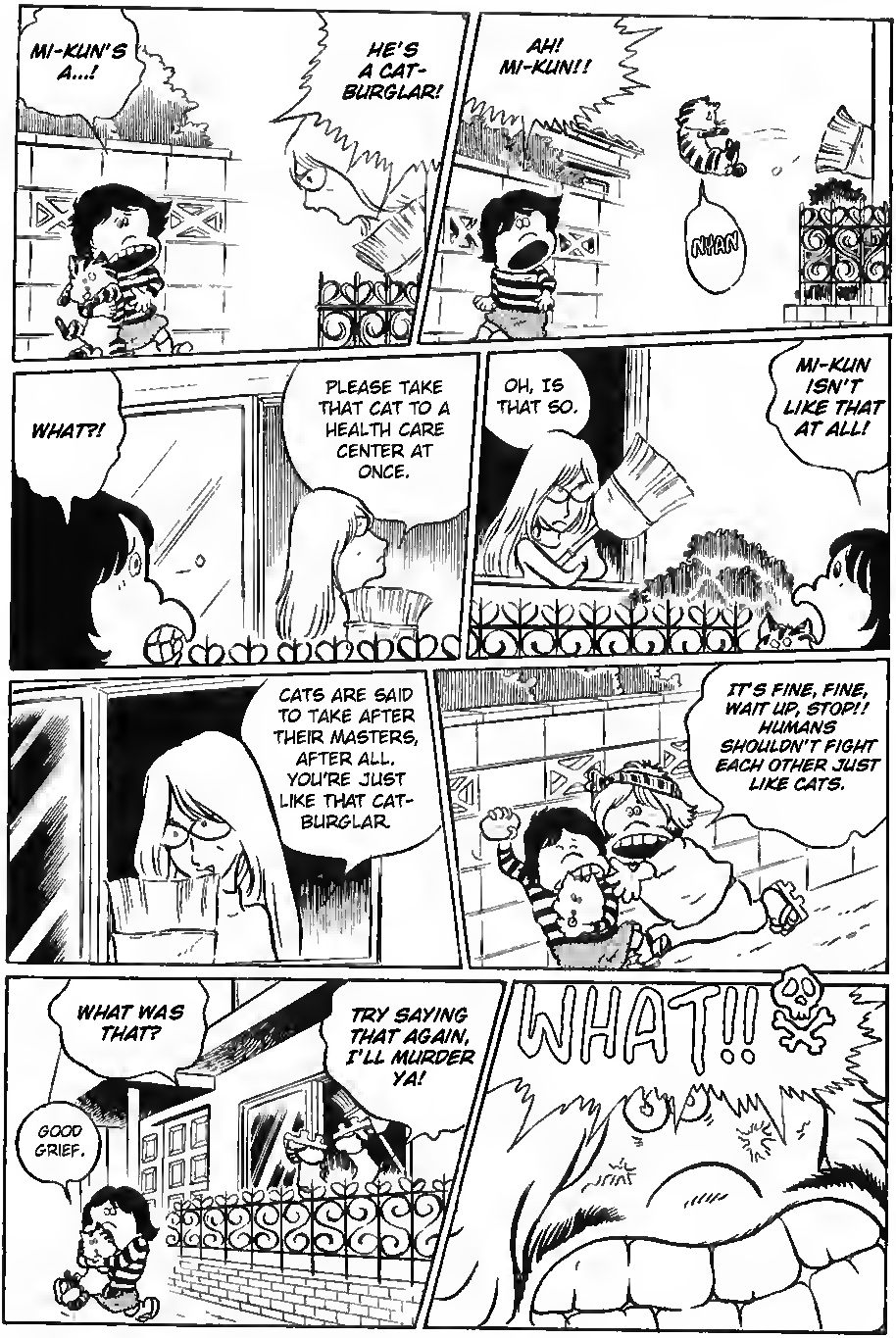

BACK IN THOSE DAYS, THE TIGER-STRIPED MI-KUN'S TERRITORY HAD GROWN UN-BELIEVABLY LARGE.

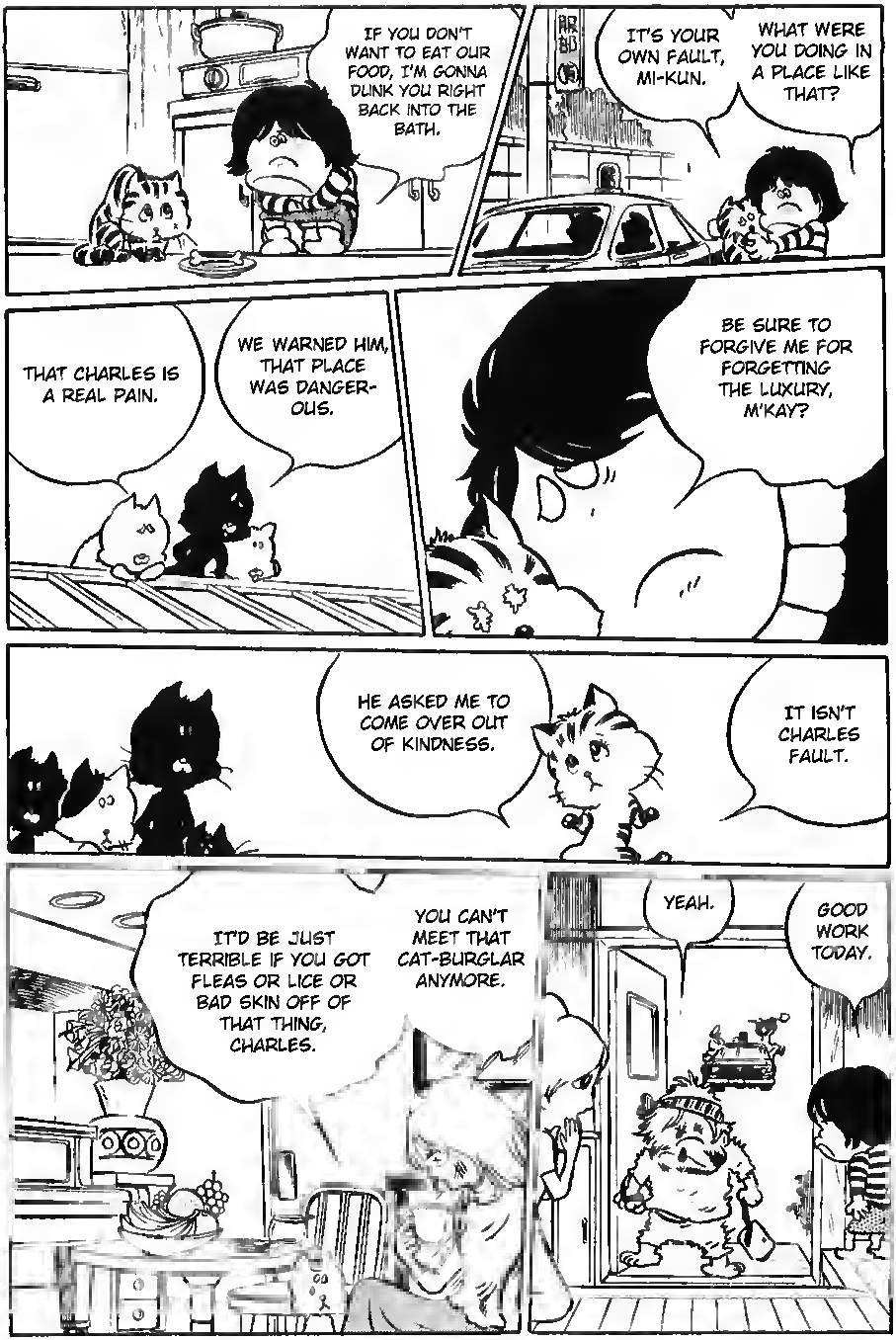

MI-KUN!
NYAGO
HMPH
WHAT THE-!? WHAT'S THAT SMELL? MI-KUN!!
ALTHOUGH EVEN IF I SAY SO, IT'S STILL YOUR FREEDOM TO WANDER ABOUT OUTSIDE AS YOU CHOOSE, MI-KUN.
NYAGO
I TOLD YOU TO HURRY UP AND COME HOME.
WHAT'RE YOU DOING ALL THE WAY OUT HERE?


SERIOUSLY.
GET RID OF THIS DISGUSTING SMELL, IT ISN'T LIKE YOU MI-KUN!
UNYA-
NYAGO!
EW, WHAT'D YOU DO TO SMELL LIKE PERFUME?
ACHOO
AH!! CHARLES, STOP!!
MI-KUN!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
STAY BACK, DON'T COME NEAR!
IT'S NOT LIKE I CHOSE TO SMELL THIS MUCH EITHER.
IF YOUR SMELL GETS ON ME, THEN I'M GONNA BE HATED.
DO YOU HAVE TO TAKE A BATH EVERY SINGLE DAY?
BUT MY MASTER LIKES TO SPRAY IT ON US WHENEVER WE TAKE A BATH TOGETHER.


AH-CHAN TAKES ONE TWICE A WEEK...
YOUR MASTER AS WELL!?
I ONLY HAVE TO TAKE ONE ABOUT THREE TIMES A YEAR.
I'M GOING DOWN.
THAT'S RIGHT. JUST A LITTLE FATTER AND I'D BE DROOLING.
THAT THING?
THAT LOOKS YUMMY.
THAT PLACE IS NO MEANT FOR CATS, STOP IT, DON'T GO!
STOP, STOP, MI-KUN, CHARLES' HOUSE IS OFF LIMITS!!!
COME TO MY HOUSE AND SEE. I'LL GIVE YOU FOOD.
WELL, WHAT DOES CHARLES GET TO EAT?
THAT'S RIGHT.
TH-THIS IS AN ENTRANCE? EXCLUSIVELY FOR YOU?
CHARLES IS SUCH A PRETENTIOUS NAME.
HE DOESN'T GET IT.

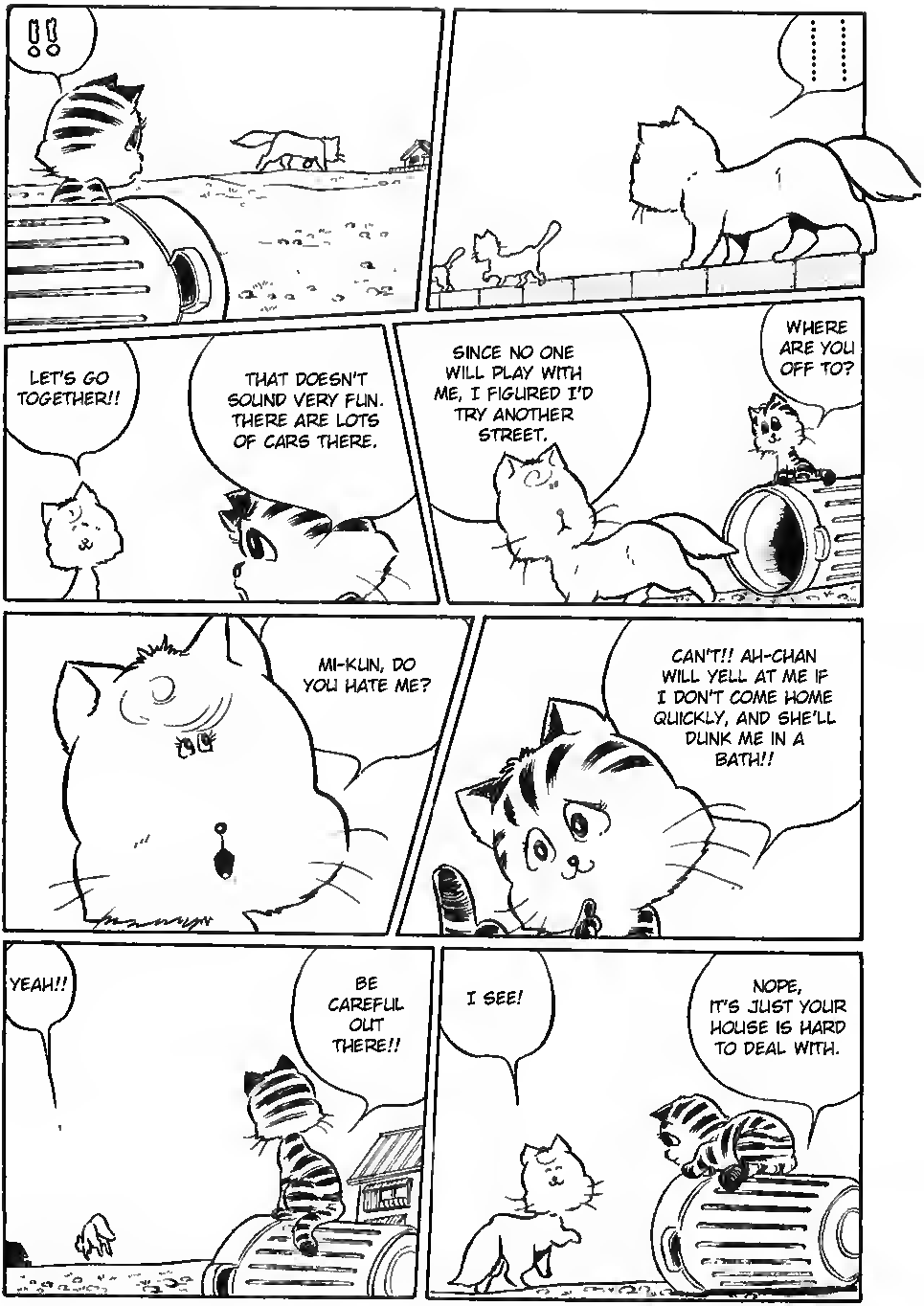
AND THIS IS YOUR MEAL!?
YOU CAN EAT THE REST, I'VE GROWN TIRED OF IT.
IT'S THE SAME AS MY MASTER'S HOUSE BUT IT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!
THAT'S OBVIOUS, ISN'T IT.
WELL THEN...
RE- REALLY?
WHAT'RE YOU DOING, CREEPING IN HERE WITH SNEAKY FEET TO TAKE WHATEVER YOU LIKE!
YOU CAT-BURGLAR!!
NYAN!!


MI-KUN'S A...!
HE'S A CAT-BURGLAR!
AH! MI-KUN!!
NYAN
WHAT?!
PLEASE TAKE THAT CAT TO A HEALTH CARE CENTER AT ONCE.
OH, IS THAT SO.
MI-KUN ISN'T LIKE THAT AT ALL!
CATS ARE SAID TO TAKE AFTER THEIR MASTERS, AFTER ALL. YOU'RE JUST LIKE THAT CAT-BURGLAR.
IT'S FINE, FINE, WAIT UP, STOP!! HUMANS SHOULDN'T FIGHT EACH OTHER JUST LIKE CATS.
WHAT WAS THAT?
GOOD GRIEF.
TRY SAYING THAT AGAIN, I'LL MURDER YA!
WHAT!!


IF YOU DON'T WANT TO EAT OUR FOOD, I'M GONNA DUNK YOU RIGHT BACK INTO THE BATH.
IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT, MI-KUN.
WHAT WERE YOU DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THAT?
THAT CHARLES IS A REAL PAIN.
WE WARNED HIM, THAT PLACE WAS DANGER-OUS.
BE SURE TO FORGIVE ME FOR FORGETTING THE LUXURY, M'KAY?
HE ASKED ME TO COME OVER OUT OF KINDNESS.
IT ISN'T CHARLES FAULT.
IT'D BE JUST TERRIBLE IF YOU GOT FLEAS OR LICE OR BAD SKIN OFF OF THAT THING, CHARLES.
YOU CAN'T MEET THAT CAT-BURGLAR ANYMORE.
YEAH.
GOOD WORK TODAY.

OR I WON'T FORGIVE YOU.
SO GO AHEAD AND EAT IT ALL. ALL OF IT.
IF YOU'RE GONNA EAT OTHER PEOPLE'S FOOD, I'LL BE SURE TO GIVE YOU QUITE ENOUGH.
YOU ATE UNTIL YOU'RE STUFFED SO DON'T COMPLAIN.
I THINK I'M DYING.
AIN'T THAT THE TRUTH.
BUT IT SURE MUST BE NICE TO BE PAMPERED LIKE CHARLES.
PROBABLY NEVER EVEN'S SEEN A FISH BONE BEFORE.
BET THAT GUY'S NEVER HAD TO SCAVENGE THROUGH TRASH BINS BEFORE.
YEAH!!
IT'S GREAT, ATSUKO!!
HE'S EATING BETTER THAN MY OWN MASTERS.

YES, CHARLES, HERE IS YOUR STEAK. AND YOU'LL BE HAVING HAMBURG STEAK TOMORROW TOO.
I HAVE THE TAILS LEFT, I'LL GIVE THEM TOO!!
I'LL GIVE THE HEAD TO MI-KUN, SHE'LL BE DELIGHTED.
THAT'S RIGHT! THAT'S RIGHT!! FORGET ABOUT THAT GUY!!
WE'RE TRUE CATS AMONG CATS.
I WONDER IF WE'RE REALLY BOTH CATS...
WHO CARES, WE'LL JUST HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH HIM.
HMPH.
WATCH OUT FOR THAT CAT-BURGLAR, OKAY!!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LET'S GO TOGETHER!!
THAT DOESN'T SOUND VERY FUN. THERE ARE LOTS OF CARS THERE.
SINCE NO ONE WILL PLAY WITH ME, I FIGURED I'D TRY ANOTHER STREET.
WHERE ARE YOU OFF TO?
MI-KUN, DO YOU HATE ME?
CAN'T!! AH-CHAN WILL YELL AT ME IF I DON'T COME HOME QUICKLY, AND SHE'LL DUNK ME IN A BATH!!
YEAH!!
BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!!
I SEE!
NOPE, IT'S JUST YOUR HOUSE IS HARD TO DEAL WITH.

ZZZ
?
YEAH, WHILE CHARLES IS STILL OUT.
WELL, LET'S HURRY AND GO.
CHARLES!!
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO, WE CAN'T TAKE HIM WITH US.
IT SEEMS HE DIDN'T NOTICE WE WERE MOVING.

WHO CARES ABOUT THAT GUY.
HAVE YOU SEEN CHARLES?
MI-KUN!!
CHAR-LES!!
AND YOUR CAT...
OH, YOU'RE MOVING?
I'LL KILL YOU!!
HAA? TAKE CARE?
TAKE CARE OF HIM!
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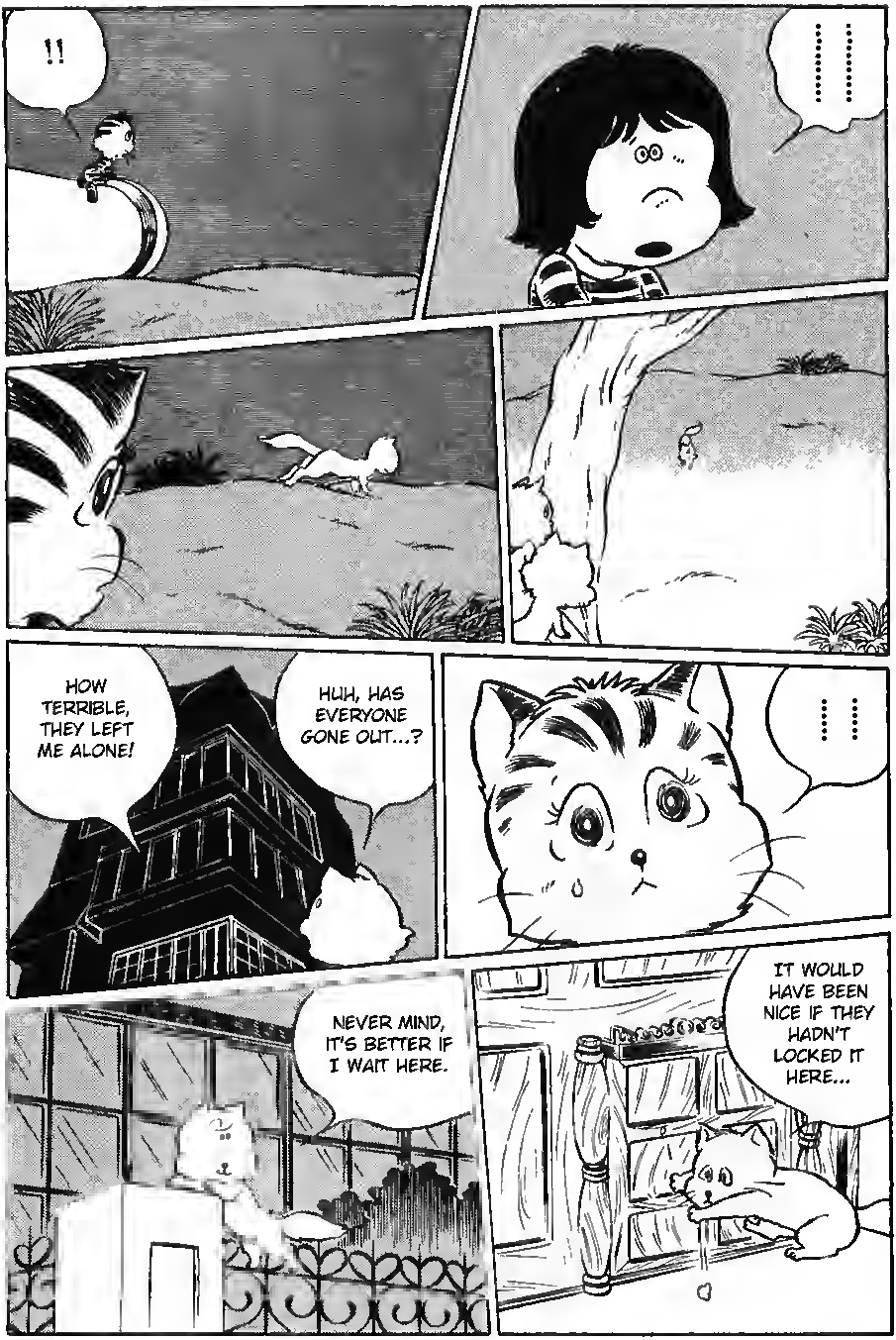
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HOW TERRIBLE, THEY LEFT ME ALONE!
HUH, HAS EVERYONE GONE OUT...?
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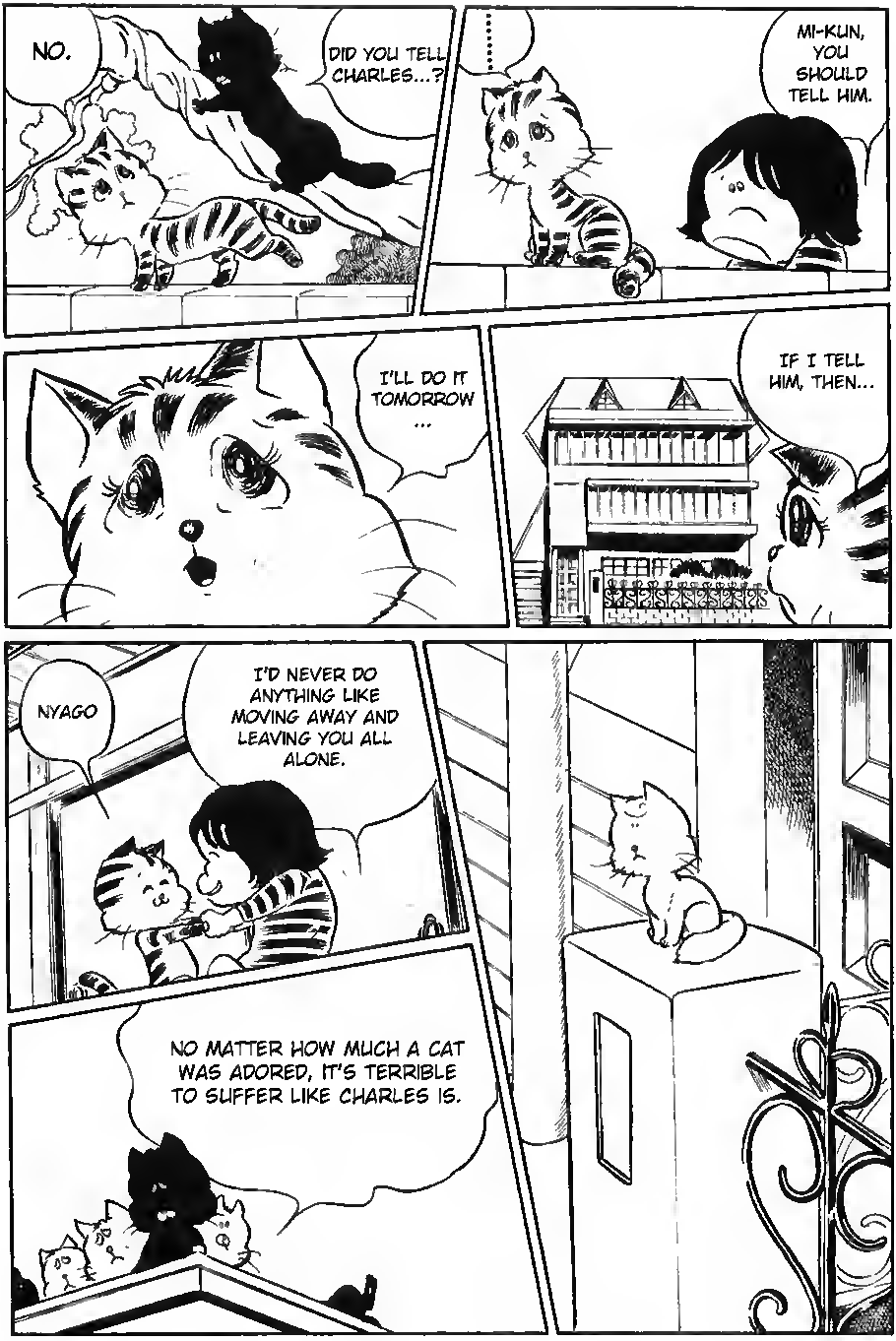
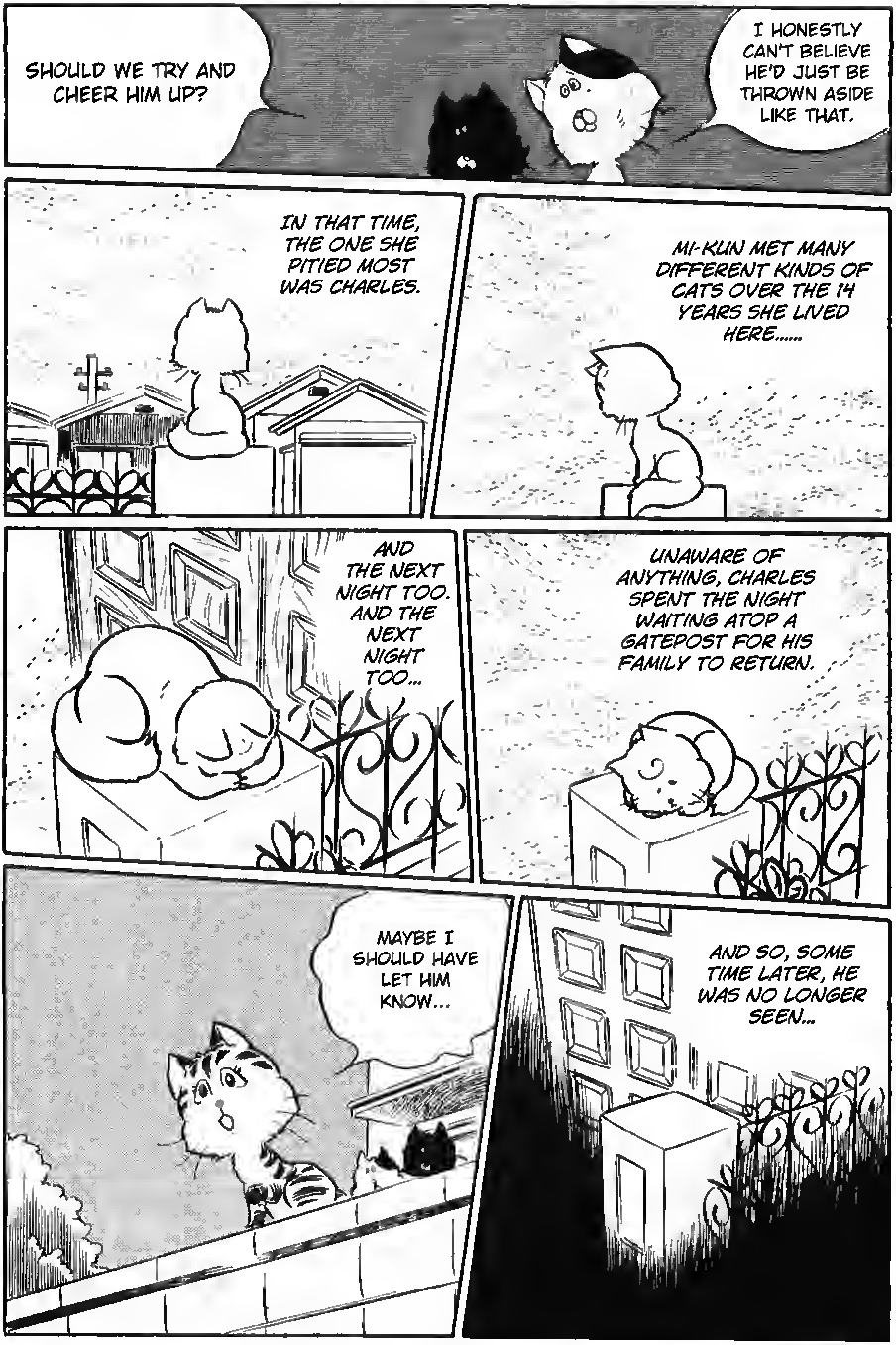
NEVER MIND, IT'S BETTER IF I WAIT HERE.
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE IF THEY HADN'T LOCKED IT HERE...


NO.
DID YOU TELL CHARLES...?
MI-KUN, YOU SHOULD TELL HIM.
I'LL DO IT TOMORROW ...
IF I TELL HIM, THEN...
NYAGO
I'D NEVER DO ANYTHING LIKE MOVING AWAY AND LEAVING YOU ALL ALONE.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH A CAT WAS ADORED, IT'S TERRIBLE TO SUFFER LIKE CHARLES IS.


SHOULD WE TRY AND CHEER HIM UP?
I HONESTLY CAN'T BELIEVE HE'D JUST BE THROWN ASIDE LIKE THAT.
IN THAT TIME, THE ONE SHE PITIED MOST WAS CHARLES.
MI-KUN MET MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF CATS OVER THE 14 YEARS SHE LIVED HERE.....
AND THE NEXT NIGHT TOO. AND THE NEXT NIGHT TOO...
UNAWARE OF ANYTHING, CHARLES SPENT THE NIGHT WAITING ATOP A GATEPOST FOR HIS FAMILY TO RETURN.
MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE LET HIM KNOW...
AND SO, SOME TIME LATER, HE WAS NO LONGER SEEN...

NOBODY KNEW WHERE CHARLES COULD HAVE GONE. CHARLES WAS NEVER SEEN AGAIN IN MI-KUN'S WIDE TERRITORY....